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The battle continues to rage across the landscape of Hell as several contenders begin their final approach towards the throne.

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"IT TOOK A FEW HOURS, BUT WE FINALLY FOUND A PATH THROUGH HEAVEN'S LINE, JUST OUT IN THE WASTELANDS.
"ON OUR WAY BACK, GUNSLINGER SPOTTED ONE OF THEM ON THE HORIZON.
"THEN MORE OF THEM, ALL COMING FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.
"UNTIL WE WERE SURROUNDED."
"WERE THEY HEAVEN'S SOLDIERS?"
"NO. I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY WERE LOYAL TO, BUT THEY WERE *DEFINITELY* FROM HELL."

"WE TRIED FIGHTING BACK, BUT THERE WERE JUST TOO MANY OF THEM.

"AND THEY WERE READY FOR US. PROBABLY BEEN TRACKING US FOR MILES, HOPING WE'D GET TIRED.

"IT... IT ALL HAPPENED *SO FAST...*

"THEY TOOK DOWN MEDIEVAL AND GUNSLINGER FIRST.

"THEN THE FREAK.

"HE NEVER STOOD A CHANCE.

THEN SUDDENLY, IT WAS JUST ME LEFT STANDING. AGAINST ALL OF THEM. AND I KNEW IF I DIDN'T GET OUT THERE IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS, THAT WAS IT.
I MANAGED TO SLIP PAST THEM AND JUST KEPT FLYING.
WHAT ABOUT MEDIEVAL AND GUNSLINGER?
I'M NOT SURE. I HEARD ONE OF THEM SHOUTING, SAYING NOT TO DAMAGE THE OTHER HELL-SPAWNS.
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE STAYED AND...
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, EDDIE. IF YOU'D STAYED, YOU'D BE DEAD TOO.
ANY IDEA WHO ATTACKED THEM?
I'M BETTING THEY'RE SINN'S PEOPLE.
WHY?
THEY WERE HUNTING FOR NECRO-PLASM.

"SINN'S BEEN AWAY FROM HELL A LONG TIME, SO NOW EVERY TIME HE USES HIS POWERS, HE BURNS THROUGH HIS OWN NECROPLASM RESERVES.
"THERE ARE SOME NATURAL SOURCES HE CAN TAP INTO WITHIN HELL, BUT THOSE WILL ONLY GIVE HIM A SMALL FRACTION OF WHAT HE NEEDS...
"...AND THE CLOSER HE GETS TO THE INFERNAL KEEP, THE LESS HE'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW ON THEM."
HE'S LIKELY DISPATCHED HIS ACOLYTES TO CAPTURE HELLSPAWNS SO HE HAS A STEADY SUPPLY OF NECROPLASM CLOSE TO HIM.
IT'S WHAT I'D DO.
SO, HIS WARRIORS COULD LEAD US TO HIM?
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

I SEARCHED THE ENTIRE ATTACK AREA, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THEM OR MEDIEVAL AND GUNSLINGER.
BUT I DID FIND THE FREAK. CAN YOU REVIVE HIM?
NO, NOT HERE IN HELL.
damn.
ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S GET MOVING. IF WE HURRY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR TRAIL.

NO.
WHAT?
THAT'S NOT THE PLAN.
I DID SEE ANOTHER ROUTE WE COULD USE.
WHAT ABOUT GUNSLINGER? MEDIEVAL?
WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING.
THEN LET ME TAKE A SMALLER GROUP, WHILE THE REST GO AHEAD.
THEY TOOK DOWN MEDIEVAL AND GUNSLINGER. SENDING ANOTHER GROUP WOULD BE HANDING THEM MORE PRISONERS.
WE CAN'T GO BACK.
SO, WE'RE JUST GOING TO ABANDON THEM?!
WE ARE.
ARE THEIR LIVES WORTH EVERYONE ELSE'S? WE WASTE TIME GOING AFTER THEM, SINN GETS THE THRONE.

THEN LET'S FIND SINN.
IT'S NOT THAT EASY. HE'S COMING FROM ANOTHER REALM AND WE DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS.
OUR BEST BET IS IT TO FOLLOW THE PATH REDEEMER SAW.
IF WE VENTURE ELSEWHERE, TAKE ONE WRONG TURN, IT'LL COST US DAYS.
AND WE'RE ALREADY DAYS BEHIND.
WE NEED TO GET TO THE INFERNAL KEEP.
SINN WILL EXPEND HIS ENERGIES GETTING THERE. THAT'S WHERE WE HIT HIM.
I'LL BURY FREAK. WE LEAVE AFTER THAT.
BUT SUSPICIONS GROW AMONGST THE GROUP. SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT

THE WEERNA KEEP
The 1st realm
AND WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO YOU?
BECAUSE WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING. SINN CAN'T SIT ON THE THRONE, WE KNOW THAT.
THEN WHO DOES?
ANYONE BUT A DAMNED HUMAN!
I'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D WANT IT FOR YOURSELF. I CAN ASSIST WITH THAT I ASSURE YOU, BECAUSE I'M THE ONE THAT HELPED CREATE SINN'S HELLSPAWN POWERS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I'VE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT YOU.
THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF.
GO ON.
HERE'S YOUR REALITY-- THINGS HAVE STARTED TO IMPROVE FOR YOU. BUT EVEN WITH GREENWORLD BACKING YOU, YOU'RE STILL FIGHTING A WAR ON MULTIPLE FRONTS.
YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU CAN'T KEEP THAT UP.

AND EVEN IF YOU COULD GET SINN OUT OF THE WAY, YOU STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO RELAX, NOT WHILE HEAVEN CAN JUST KEEP POURING REINFORCEMENTS THROUGH THE DEAD ZONE PORTALS.
WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF LIBERATING SOME OF THOSE PORTALS.
NOT ENOUGH OF THEM, THOUGH. I CAN HELP WITH THAT.
YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE HEAVEN MADE A CRITICAL MISTAKE, RUSHING IN SO QUICKLY.
THEY GOT SO EXCITED ABOUT TAKING YOU DOWN, THEY TOOK THEIR EYE OFF THEIR OWN BACKYARD.
IT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO MARSHAL MY OWN ARMY
SO, WHILE HEAVEN'S DISTRACTED HERE IN HELL, WE CAN TAKE THE FIGHT TO THEIR HOME TURF. BUT, WITHOUT MY REINFORCEMENTS, YOU WON'T LAST.
AND WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF THIS?
WE CAN FLIP THIS WHOLE THING SO YOU WON'T BE THE ONE WHO LOST HELL, BUT INSTEAD THE KING WHO CONQUERED ALL OF HEAVEN!

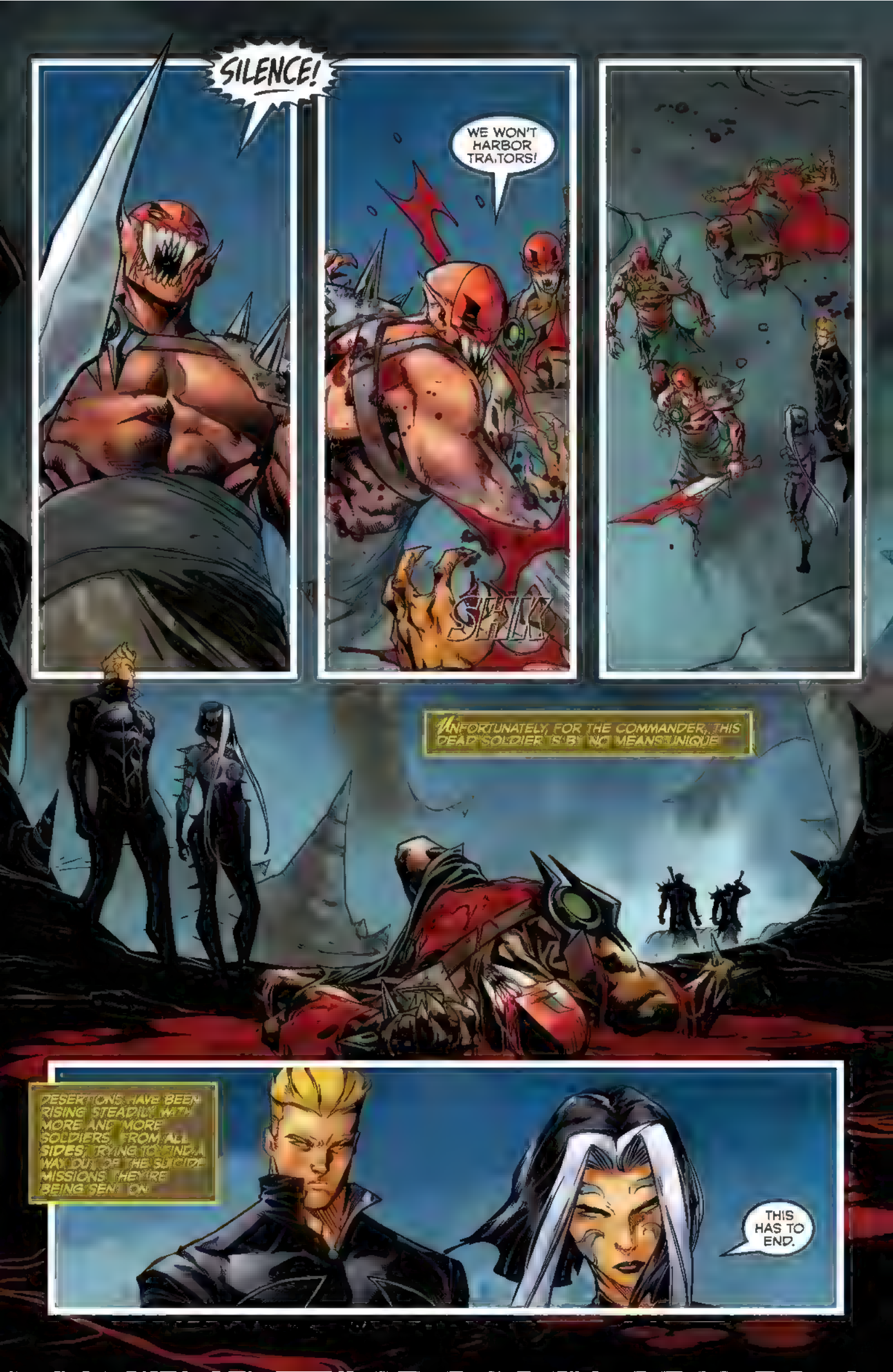
TO PROTECT *HELL*. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THIS PLACE FOR EONS.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET IT FALL INTO HEAVEN'S OR SINN'S HANDS.
YOU KNOW SINN?
OH, WE GO **WAY** BACK.
THAT HUMAN SCUM HAS BEEN TRYING TO STEAL POWER FROM US FOR CENTURIES! BUT I PROMISE, I'LL DIE BEFORE I LET THAT ***BASTARD*** DO THAT!
AND ONCE WE KNOCK HEAVEN OFF BALANCE, YOU SHOULD HAVE A ***CLEAN*** SHOT AT HIM.
THEN WE'LL JOIN FORCES. UNDER MY LEADERSHIP.
OF COURSE.
OH, AND A WORD OF ADVICE... THERE'S A HELLSPAWN RUNNING ABOUT THAT YOU'LL WANT TO KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR. GUY CALLED AL SIMMONS.
A HELLSPAWN? I DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE RELICS.
KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PLANS. I'LL BE IN TOUCH.

DO YOU THINK HE BELIEVES YOU?
DOESN'T MATTER. HE KNOWS HE *NEEDS* ME IF HE WANTS TO STOP YOUR BROTHER.
WE'LL KEEP HIM AROUND FOR AS LONG AS WE NEED. THEN SHOW CATACLYSM WHAT TRUE POWER IS THE *MOMENT* HE BECOMES EXPENDABLE. FOR NOW, HE'S A USEFUL IDIOT.
FOR NOW, PREPARE OUR TROOPS. WE'VE GOT AN INVASION TO PLAN.

OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HELL'S WAR CONTINUES TO RAGE
A KRAPHANS CRES IN RESPONSE TO A TITAN ATTACK CATACLYSM'S FORCES DETONATE A SCREAM-WARP, AN ANCIENT DESTRUCTIVE POWER SWALLOWING EVERY THING IN ITS PATH
THE ENSUING EXPLOSION LEAVES NO SURVIVORS ON EITHER SIDE
AS THE LAST HEAVEN'S ARMY OVERWHELMS THE TERRITORY OF A LORD, ONE LOYAL TO CATACLYSM, TO SOW FURTHER DISCONTENT THEY STRING UP BODIES OF THE DEAD FOR MILES, MAKING IT APPEAR THAT SINN WAS RESPONSIBLE
HUNDREDS OF MILES NORTH, GREENWORLD HELPS CATACLYSM RETAKE THREE PROVINCES FROM SINN'S TROOPS, BRINGING THE REGION OF AZIMUTH BACK UNDER HIS CONTRO
ACROSS HEL TERRITORIES ARE CONQUERED THEN RE CONQUERED BACK AND FORTH, AS THOUSANDS ARE SACRIFICED FOR THE SAKE OF INCHES

THIS IS ONE NYX'S SECOND VISIT TO HELL
THE FIRST WAS LONG AGO. WHEN SHE FIRST MET SPAWN. TO SAVE THE SOUL OF A FRIEND SHE HAD STOLEN A FRAGMENT OF SPAWN'S POWER THEN VENTURED INTO THIS ACCURSED PLACE, NOT REALIZING THE IMPACT IT WOULD ONE DAY HAVE ON HER LIFE!
SHE BARELY RECOGNIZES THE PERSON SHE WAS BACK THEN.
NYX?
JUST GOT WORD FROM ONE OF CATACLYSM'S GUYS. HE'S ON HIS WAY. SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING FOR THEIR NEXT BIG PUSH AGAINST SINN.
WE COULDN'T PUT IT OFF FOREVER.
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
I'VE HAD BETTER DAYS. NOT THRILLED PROPPING UP THE KING OF HELL, THIS WHOLE THING IS JUST...
CATCH HIM!

PLEASE...
TREACHEROUS DOG.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU.
HE WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE SO HE COULD JOIN SINN'S ARMY!
IS THAT TRUE?
NO! I JUST... CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.


SILENCE!
WE WON'T HARBOR TRAITORS!
SLASH
UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE COMMANDER, THIS DEAD SOLDIER IS BY NO MEANS UNIQUE
DESERTIONS HAVE BEEN RISING STEADILY WITH MORE AND MORE SOLDIERS, FROM ALL SIDES, TRYING TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE SUICIDE MISSIONS THEY'RE BEING SENT ON.
THIS HAS TO END.

IT'S THE TRUTH, I SWEAR.
THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON BACK HOME. RAPTURE AND HIS GROUP ARE TELLING THEM WHATEVER THEY WANT TO HEAR.
AS FAR AS THEY'RE CONCERNED, WE'VE GOT THIS THING WON.
YEAH, WELL IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T BE SHOUTING THAT TOO LOUD... BE HAPPY WE'RE JUST ON SUPPLY DUTY.
?
TO THE EAST! LOOKS LIKE A DISTRESS SIGNAL.
SHOULD WE CALL IT IN?
LET'S MAKE SURE IT ISN'T A FALSE ALARM, FIRST.
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WENT DOWN.
OVER THERE! SOMEONE'S WALKING.

THANK OUR LORD.
I'D LOST HOPE ANYONE WOULD FIND ME OUT HERE.
WHAT HAPPENED?
WE WERE AMBUSHED BY SOME HELL-LORDS AND A FLEET OF SYCORAX.
IS THERE ANYTHING THOSE CRETINS WON'T RESORT TO? CALL THE SHIP.
POIEL, WE'VE FOUND THE SURVIVOR. IT'S A REDEEMER.
A REDEEMER? WAIT, WHO...?
THOOM
POIEL, GET OUT OF THERE! IT'S A TRAP!

"POEL?!"
HE CAN'T HELP YOU NOW.
GOOD WORK. WE SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE REST OF HEAVEN'S TERRITORY WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED.
AL, I NEED A WORD.
NOT NOW.
I NEED AN ANSWER BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER.

I'VE BEEN RUNNING OVER WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE... AND THIS PLAN OF YOURS... IT DOESN'T ADD UP.
IT SOUNDS LIKE EVEN IF WE BEAT SINN, EVEN IF CATACLYSM HOLDS ON, THAT'S NOT GOING TO FIX THINGS.
THERE'LL ALWAYS BE OTHERS. CLOWN AND A MILLION LIKE HIM, TRYING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THIS PLACE... AND EARTH. IT'S NEVER GOING TO END.
SO... WHAT ARE WE REALLY DOING HERE?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT WON'T END. I'VE DONE EVERY-THING I CAN TO FIND ANOTHER WAY, BUT THE TRUTH IS, THE ONLY WAY TO EVER CURE THIS PROBLEM IS TO PUT SOMEONE ELSE ON THE THRONE PERMANENTLY.
THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE ME.

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SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS: MAILBAG

Hey guys! Just wanted to say thank you for the amazing Spawn comics. I'm having a ton of fun reading/ collecting/staring for hours at all the titles, LOL. And it would be awesome if you included this Spawnie I drew in the mail section.

-ERNESTO R from Guadalajara, México

Hola, Ernesto! I love getting letters from International readers. I would be happy to share your awesome fan art in the book. I am particularly a fan of how you did the texture on Spawn's gauntlet. Thanks for sending it in!

-THOMAS

Hi Spawn team! I am a new reader of Spawn and would like to say your issues of Spawn that I have been reading have been phenomenal. The artwork is amazing, and the text dialogue keeps me hooked. I have also been sharing your issues of Spawn with my coworkers and they are already buying their own issues of Spawn. Keep up the good work, guys!

-JOSUE

This is what I like to hear. Josue is out there spreading the word of Spawn!
Thanks, Josue. The art in all the books really has been awesome these past few years. The good news is that we have a bunch of new titles coming out next year with even more amazing art and stories for you to dig into. I think you're going to like where the Spawn Universe is headed!

-THOMAS

Hi!

-ALEXANDER G

Alexander, you are a man of few words. But you let your art speak for you, and that I can appreciate. This is a great piece, man. I really dig this! Thank you for sharing it with us.

-THOMAS

Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at: **spawninggground@mcfarlane.com**

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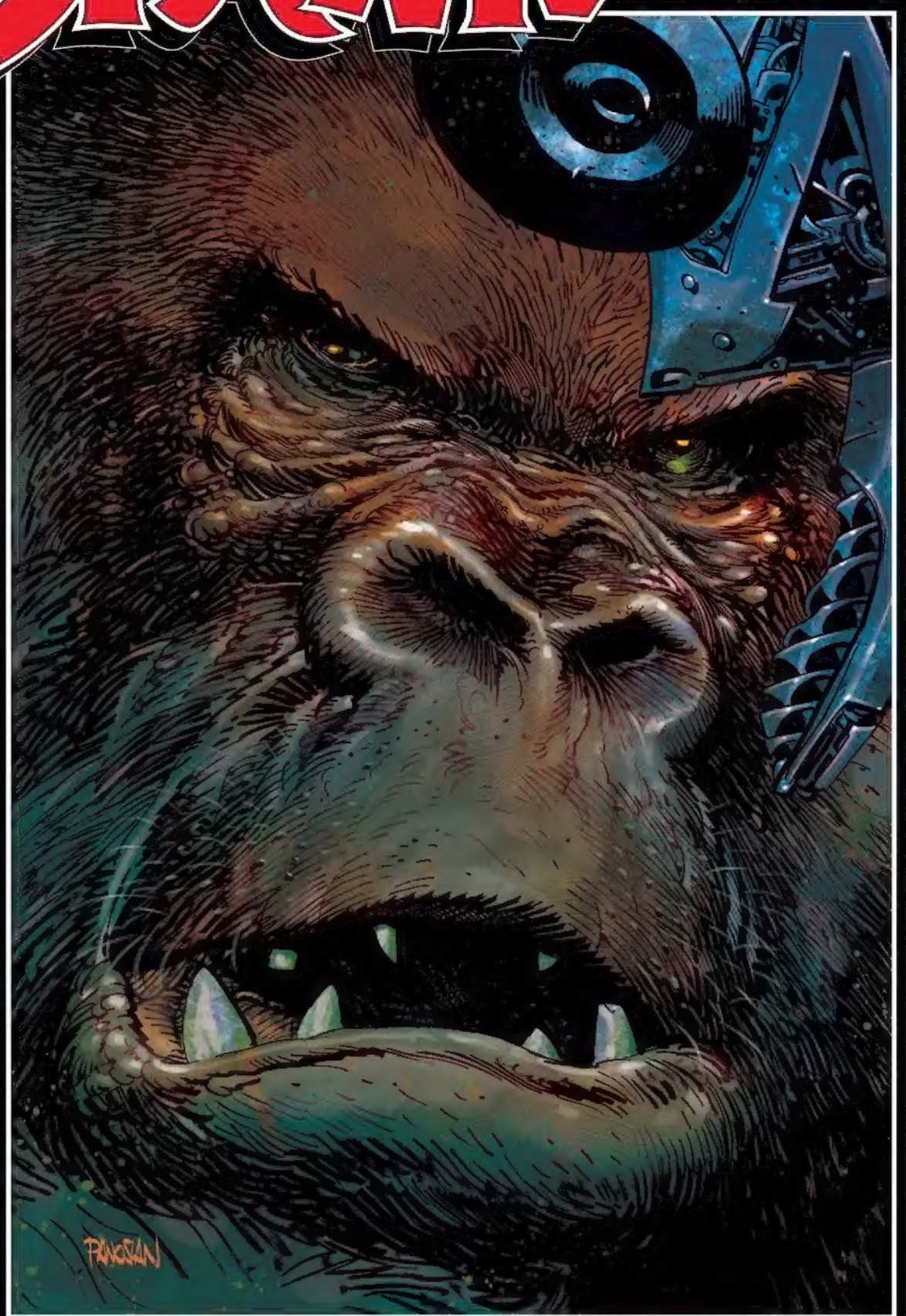

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